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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Larsen

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For: PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE PEPTIDE CONJUGATES
HAVING A REDUCED TENDENCY TOWARDS ENZYMATIC
HYDROLYSIS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination,
entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 33-36 and 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 and 51
without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 9, 13, 16, 20, 21, 31, and 32 as follows:

1. (amended) A pharmaceutically active peptide conjugate having a
reduced tendency towards enzymatic cleavage comprising X and Z,

wherein X is a pharmaceutically active peptide sequence, and

wherein Z is a stabilising peptide sequence, of 4-20 amino acid units covalently
bound to X, wherein each amino acid unit in said stabilising peptide sequence,
Z is selected from the group consisting of Ala, Leu, Ser, Thr, Tyr, Asn, Gln,

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